GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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VECTOR CONTROL RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research proposes to establish a Vector Control Research Centre (VCRC) at Alappuzha, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has a Vector Control Research Centre at Pondicherry. It has no plan to set up another centre in Allapuzha, Kerala. However, Government of India have approved the establishment of ICMR's National Institute of Virology (NIV) Field Station at Alappuzha, Kerala for 'Arboviruses & Enterroviruses Associated with Fevers/Encephalitis'. NIV, Pune is in the process of procuring land from the State Government for construction of the Field Station. This Field Station will be actively involved in Vector surveillance studies and Insecticide susceptibility studies for these vectors. Based on the prevalent fectors, their indices and insecticidal resistance, the recommended control measures will be communicated to the State Health authorities.